

Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway Commission and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the Commission and of the Engineer, and fixing the compensation of each; prescribing reciprocal duties for the Commission and for the commissioners courts; directing the Commission to plan and adopt a comprehensive system of State highways, and to promote the construction thereof by co-operation with the counties and by the commission; authorizing a policy of State aid to counties in road construction, and to the inauguration of a plan of rewards to the counties for the construction of the more durable types of highways; directing co-operation of the department with the Federal government in the utilization of any funds appropriated by Congress in aid of road construction in this State; authorizing the working of State prisoners on State highways under conditions that may be agreed upon by the Highway Commission and the Prison Commission and approved by the government; providing for the support of the department by State registration of all motor vehicles and motorcycles, and for the distribution to the counties of a part of the moneys received from such registration fees; providing for the furnishing of identification numbers to motor vehicles and motorcycles and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provision for registration and identification of such vehicles; making an appropriation to inaugurate the work of the department as provided in this act, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Jefferson Independent School District, in Marion county, Texas, providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district, and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights,

powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; to provide for the creation of a board of trustees for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining public free schools, declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

(Tuesday, February 6, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Greenwood.
Baker.	Hardey.
Beard of Harris.	Harris.
Beard of Milam.	Hartman.
Beasley.	Hawkins.
Beason.	Hill.
Bell.	Holland.
Bertram.	Hudspeth.
Blackmon.	Johnson.
Blalock.	Jones.
Bledsoe.	Laas.
Boner.	Laney.
Brown.	Lange.
Bryan.	Lanier.
Bryant.	Lee.
Burton of Rusk.	Landemann.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lowe
Butler.	of McMullen.
Cadenhead.	Low
Canales.	of Washington.
Carlock.	McComb.
Cates.	McCoy.
Clark.	McDowra.
Cope.	McFarland.
Cox.	McMillin.
Crudgington.	Martin.
Davis of Dallas.	Meador.
Davis of Grimes.	Mendell.
Davis	Metcalfe.
of Van Zandt.	Miller of Austin.
De Bogory.	Miller of Dallas.
Denton.	Monday.
Dodd.	Moore.
Dunnam.	Morris.
Estes.	Murrell.
Fairchild.	Neeley.
Fisher.	Neill.
Fitzpatrick.	Nichols.
Florer.	Nordhaus.
Fly.	O'Banion.

O'Brien.	Templeton.
Osborne.	Terrell.
Parks.	Thomas.
Peddy.	Thomason
Peyton.	of El Paso.
Pillow.	Thomason
Poage.	of Nacogdoches.
Pope.	Thompson
Raiden.	of Hunt.
Reeves.	Thompson
Richards.	of Red River.
Robertson.	Tillotson.
Rogers.	Tilson.
Russell.	Tinner.
Sackett.	Trayler.
Sentell.	Tschoepe.
Schlesinger.	Upchurch.
Schlosshan.	Valentine.
Scholl.	Veatch.
Seawright.	Walker.
Sholars.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williams
Smith of Scurry.	of McLennan.
Spencer of Nolan.	Williford.
Spencer of Wise.	Wilson.
Spradley.	Woods.
Stewart.	Woodul.
Taylor.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bland.	Swope.
Strayhorn.	

Absent—Excused.

Bedell.	Roemer.
Blackburn.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Wahrmund.
Haidusek.	White.
Lacey.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Sentell, for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Dudley, for today, on motion of Mr. Thomason of El Paso.

Mr. Roemer, for today, on motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan.

Mr. Sallas, for today, on motion of Mr. Moore.

Mr. Haidusek, for today, on motion of Mr. McDowra.

Mr. Bedell was granted leave of absence indefinitely on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. Lee.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Denton:

H. B. No. 588, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into and the dissemination in this State of insect pests and diseases injurious or harmful to plants and plant products; vesting the enforcement thereof in the Commissioner of Agriculture, and defining his powers and duties."

Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Burton of Tarrant:

H. B. No. 589, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the operators, the construction of booths and enclosures for motion picture machines, the hours of labor for motion picture show operators, the licensing of operators, and approval and examination of booths and enclosures and the certifying of same, the use and running of motion picture show machines, the providing of additional duties and powers for the State Fire Marshal, and providing for the penalty for any violation of such provisions."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Denton:

H. B. No. 590, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7125, Chapter 1, Title 123, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to provide for the appointment of additional deputies in counties where there are situated industrial plants."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Low of Washington:

H. B. No. 591, A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer to the board of county school trustees all rights and powers pertaining to the public free schools that have heretofore been vested in the county commissioners court; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Low of Washington:

H. B. No. 592, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the selection by the board of county school trustees of county depositories at the regular meeting in May thereof, next following each general election; providing that depositories so selected shall be the depositories."

tory of the county school funds until 31st day of August next after the time fixed for the next selection of a depository; providing that depositories selected at the February term of commissioners courts in A. D. 1917 shall continue to act as such depositories until the 31st day of August, A. D. 1919; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 593, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 74 (Senate bill No. 349) Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, correcting field notes so as to make same identical with field notes of Common School District No. 5 of San Patricio county, Texas, as created by the commissioners court of said county May 13, 1902, and recorded in Volume 2, page 439, of the minutes of said court; and validating bonds issued by Common School District No. 5 of San Patricio county, Texas, and declaring same a legal and binding obligation outstanding against Mathis Independent District as hereinafter defined and described by metes and bounds, and declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore levied, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Lowe of McMullen:

H. B. No. 594, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish the county of Encinal out of parts of LaSalle and Webb counties; prescribing its area and boundaries; appointing commissioners to organize said county, and prescribing their duties; providing for a division of said county into commissioners' and justices' precincts; providing for holding county and precinct elections for the election of county and precinct officers and the location of the county seat of said county; providing for the attachment of said county to LaSalle county for surveying purposes and to attach it to judicial, representative, senatorial and congressional and supreme judicial districts; providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, and for the defraying of the expenses of organizing said county and for the new county of Encinal to pay its pro rata part of the debt of the parent counties from which it is taken; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the duties of the district attorney and county attorney with reference to habeas corpus proceedings and examining trials in counties where there is not a resident criminal district attorney, and repealing Article 31, Title 1, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Terrell:

H. B. No. 596, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Maydelle Independent School District in Cherokee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 597, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said districts; to make all process issued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Clark and others:

H. B. No. 598, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Stephenville, in Erath county, Texas, to be known as the John Tarleton Agricultural College; providing for the government and control of said institution, providing for the acceptance of donations of lands, buildings and money offered by the citizens of Stephenville and Erath county; providing for a students' loan fund, and defining the leading objects and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given in said college, and conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Clark:

H. B. No. 599, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 76, General Laws, 1901, to create a more efficient road system for Erath county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Thomason of El Paso:

H. B. No. 600, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create and establish the county of Darlington out of a part of El Paso county; prescribing its area and boundaries; appointing commissioners to organize said county and prescribing their duties; providing for a division of said county into commissioners' and justices' precincts; providing for holding county and precinct elections, for the election of county and precinct officers, and for holding an election for the purpose of locating the county seat of said county; providing for the attachment of said county to judicial, representative, senatorial, congressional and supreme judicial districts; and fixing the terms for holding district court in said county; providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, and for defraying the expenses of organizing said county and surveying and fixing the boundaries, and providing for the payment of the pro rata share of the debt of El Paso county, from which said county is taken; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Tillotson and Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 601, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the examination of the books, accounts, records, letters, documents, papers, securities, and to count the cash of all State institutions and departments, and of all State district, county and precinct offices in this State; defining certain special duties of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and of certain State, district, county and precinct officers; providing for the appointment of State auditors, prescribing their qualifications and duties; providing for the payment of expenses of such examinations and the salaries and expenses of such State auditors, and directing how such salaries and expenses shall be paid; providing for the collection of moneys in certain instances, and providing penalties."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Stewart:

H. B. No. 602, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Buna Independent School District known as Common School District No. 13, in Jasper county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolution was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. Clark and Mr. Denton:

H. J. R. No. 33, Proposing an amendment to Article 3 of the Constitution by inserting therein the following Section 49a, and in substance providing that the Legislature shall have authority by law or an appropriate governmental agency to fix a minimum price at which cotton may be profitably grown in this State, and to sustain said price by the purchase of cotton for the State or the lending of money thereon; giving the Legislature authority to levy a tax of not exceeding ten cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for the purpose of obtaining funds to carry out this grant of power and giving the Legislature authority to borrow money on the credit of the State within certain fixed limitations, and providing for the collection, maintenance and investment of a fund for the purposes herein specified; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1918; making certain provisions for said election and the ballots thereof and method of voting, directing issuance of a proclamation therefor, prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, it was ordered that House bill No. 283 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Tarrant, it was ordered that House bill No. 512 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, it was or-

dered that House bill No. 564 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Richards, it was ordered that House bill No. 550 be not printed.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Woods, it was ordered that House bill No. 78, reported unfavorably, be printed.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan, House bill No. 519 was set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Friday, February 9.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Woodul, House bill No. 372 was withdrawn from the Committee on State Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

FURTHER TIME GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. Pope, by unanimous consent, further time was granted the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office for making reports on the bills referred to that committee.

PROVIDING POSTAGE FOR PENITENTIARY CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Neeley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Committee on Penitentiary Claims finds it necessary to use a considerable amount of postage in writing and inquiring about the many claims presented to the committee; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Penitentiary Claims be allowed postage to an amount not to exceed fifteen dollars, and that the same be paid for out of the contingent expense of the House.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO REMOVAL OF CANNON FROM CAPITOL GROUNDS.

Mr. Reeves offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On February 4, 1917, there appeared in the Dallas News the following statement: "Special to the News. Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917. H. R. Johnson of Russellville, Ky., who is in Austin visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. C.

Jones, says that among a large shipment of scrap iron recently purchased by him in this city he found an old cannon used by the United States in the Mexican war. Mr. Johnson will present the relic to the Confederate soldiers at Russellville." And

Whereas, There has been removed from the State Capitol grounds several old cannon that were noticeable relics and reminders of the days when our forefathers laid down their lives in defense of home and country, and the sight of same helped to fire the souls of our lawmakers with patriotism, and makes them stronger to defend the Constitution and the rights of the common people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three members, of the Thirty-fifth Legislature to investigate the cause of removing these relics, and if possible have same returned to the Capitol grounds.

Signed—Reeves, Yantis, Bryan, Dunan, Cope, Beasley, Metcalfe, Peyton, Beard of Harris, McMillin, Blackmon, Thomason of El Paso, Williams of McLennan.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

THANKING HON. M. M. McFARLAND.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the thanks of the House be extended to Hon. M. M. McFarland of Brewster county for the convenient and attractive official hand-book of the House and Senate and officers and committees of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, which he has kindly furnished the members of the House.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

RELATING TO REPLACING CHANDELIERS.

Mr. Yantis offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 10, Relating to replacing chandeliers in House of Representatives and Senate Chamber.

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that where as a concurrent resolution was heretofore during this session adopted by the House and was also adopted by the Sen-

ate, instructing the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to replace the chandeliers heretofore removed from the House and Senate Chambers, and whereas it appears nothing has been done in compliance with said resolution, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a committee composed of three members from the House and two from the Senate be appointed to confer with the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds and learn from him the reason said chandeliers have not been replaced and when he will be able to comply with said resolution, and that said committee ask to see said chandeliers and report to this Legislature the condition they are in, and any other information they may be able to give in reference to said chandeliers.

Signed—Yantis, Dodd.

The resolution was read second time and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Cope gave notice that he would on next Friday, February 9, call up the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday, February 2, refused to pass House Joint Resolution No. 1, which motion to reconsider was on that day duly spread upon the Journal.

RELATING TO PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, for consideration at this time,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7, Requesting Texas Congressmen and United States Senators to oppose the passage of bill now pending in Congress relating to migratory birds,

The resolution having been read second time on Thursday, February 1.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

On motion of Mr. Boner, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Game and Fisheries.

EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT WILSON.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 12, Expressing confi-

dence of the Texas Legislature in President Woodrow Wilson, approving his action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, and pledging him support in all things.

Whereas, Recent events in our National history have reached a momentous and serious situation; and

Whereas, The burdens of responsibility are hourly increasing and are ever pressing more heavily upon the shoulders of the Chief Executive of our Nation; and

Whereas, In these trying times our National Head should know whether or not his acts are approved by the sovereign States of our Nation; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Legislature of the State of Texas does here now express its utmost confidence in the high purpose, integrity and ability of His Excellency the Honorable Woodrow Wilson, President of these United States, and does hereby endorse and approve the acts of the President in severing diplomatic relations with the imperial German government, and pledges to him the support of the State of Texas in all things the President may feel impelled to do in the pending crisis. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, attested by the proper officers of the Legislature, be forwarded to the President.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 9, Proposing to amend Section 2 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to authorize females to vote, and providing that the Governor shall submit the same to the qualified voters of Texas at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, 1918, and appropriating five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

The resolution having been read second time on Wednesday, January 24.

Mr. Baker offered the following amendments to the resolution:

(1)

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 9 by inserting the words "after the first Monday" in line 11, Section 2, page 2, after the word "Tuesday."

(2)

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 9 by adding the words "or she" after the word "he" in line 3, Section 2, page 2.

(3)

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 9 by adding the words "or she" after the word "he" in line 40, Section 2, page 1. The amendments were adopted.

(Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Canales, the following address of Mr. Baker on the resolution was ordered printed in the Journal:

"I wish to call the attention of the members to a condition which prevails in the progress of great questions of public policy. They move slowly. I stood here for eight years advocating compulsory school attendance, and it was finally accomplished. I had an active part in the enactment of the Deposit Guaranty Law, and it was fought to a finish by all the standpatters, but was finally passed and is a great success. I have stood here for ten years contending for justice for our women, and I hope to live to see justice done.

"In 1907 I introduced the amendment and it was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, but did not have even one friend to bring it out of committee on minority report. I introduced it again two or four years later, at which time it came out of committee on minority report signed by seven or eight members. Two years ago the same amendment was introduced and came out of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments with a majority report of 16 to 2.

"At the present session the same amendment was reported by the same committee favorably by unanimous vote. This gives you the situation right up to now, and I ask the members of the House to make the vote unanimous on its adoption. Remember that the women are one-half of the human race, and, therefore, are entitled by inherent right to all the privileges accorded to men. Many women are taxpayers and should have a vote in the election of officials who make and execute laws.

Women are eligible to nearly all the offices in Texas, and why shall they not be allowed to vote?

"Our present Constitution classes our women, as far as the franchise is concerned with children, idiots, lunatics, paupers and felony convicts. We are only asking you to submit an amendment of the Constitution to the qualified voters of the entire State, which shall take our women out of the above mentioned classes and lift them to a higher plane, where their intelligence and patriotism may have full play. When you come to cast your ballot on this proposition, please remember that we are passing on the rights and privileges of our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, and if there is any doubt, let us give them the benefit of that doubt.

"Now, in conclusion, I wish to call the attention of the members to the fact that there are now twelve woman suffrage States, and they are practically all Republican States. As a matter of political expediency the Southern States will find it necessary to adopt woman suffrage in self-defense, because they can not see Republican States double the number of their votes and refuse to do the thing which will double the vote in Democratic States. Texas being the leading Democratic State should take the lead in this movement and all the others will follow in rapid succession."

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Laney, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to S. C. R. No. 10, Relating to the replacing of chandeliers.

And has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 251, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create a more efficient road

system for Live Oak county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the incorporation by those engaged in agricultural pursuits of farmers' co-operative societies; defining the character of their business, purpose and locality of such corporations, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 174, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm the title to the south league of a two-league grant to Jose Antonio Sepulveda in Trinity county, abandoning all claims of the State of Texas to said land, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 235, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, Chapter 75, General Laws of Texas, creating Duval and other counties, approved February 1, 1858; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 73, General Laws of Texas, creating Jim Hogg county, approved March 31, 1913, the purpose of this act being to change the boundary line between Duval and Jim Hogg counties, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 ON ENGROSSMENT.

(Pending Business.)

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House Joint Resolution No. 9, known as the equal suffrage resolution, on its passage to engrossment.

Pending consideration of the resolution, Mr. Butler, Mr. Terrell, and Mr. Burton of Tarrant occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Moore moved the previous question on the engrossment of the resolution, and the motion was not seconded.

After further consideration of the resolution, Mr. Williams of Brazoria moved the previous question on the engrossment of the resolution, and the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Moore again moved the previous question on the engrossment of the resolution, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the passage of the resolution to engrossment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—76.

Mr. Speaker.	Osborne.
Baker.	Parks.
Beard of Milam.	Peddy.
Beasley.	Peyton.
Beason.	Pillow.
Bell.	Poage.
Bertram.	Raiden.
Blackmon.	Reeves.
Blalock.	Richards.
Bledsoe.	Robertson.
Boner.	Rogers.
Bryan.	Russell.
Bryant.	Sackett.
Burton of Rusk.	Sentell.
Butler.	Seawright.
Cadenhead.	Smith of Bastrop.
Clark.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cope.	Smith of Scurry.
Crudgington.	Spencer of Wise.
Davis of Dallas.	Stewart.
Davis	Templeton.
of Van Zandt.	Terrell.
De Bogory.	Thomas.
Denton.	Thomason
Dodd.	of El Paso.
Estes.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Harris.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Hunt.
Hill.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Red River.
Laney.	Tilson.
McCoy.	Tinner.
McDowra.	Upchurch.
McMillin.	Veatch.
Meador.	Williams
Metcalf.	of Brazoria.
Neill.	Williford.
Nichols.	Wilson.
O'Banion.	Woods.
O'Brien.	Yantis.

Nays—50.

Bagby.	Lange.
Beard of Harris.	Lanier.
Brown.	Lee.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lindemann.
Canales.	Lowe
Carlock.	of McMullen.
Cates.	Low
Cox.	of Washington.
Davis of Grimes.	McComb.
Dunnam.	McFarland.
Fairchild.	Martin.
Fisher.	Mendell.
Fitzpatrick.	Miller of Austin.
Fly.	Miller of Dallas.
Greenwood.	Monday.
Hardey.	Moore.
Hartman.	Morris.
Holland.	Murrell.
Hudspeth.	Neeley.
Jones.	Nordhaus.
Laas.	Pope.

Schlesinger.	Trayler.
Schlosshan.	Tschoepe.
Scholl.	Valentine.
Sholars.	Wahrmund.
Spencer of Nolan.	Walker.
Spradley.	Williams
Strayhorn.	of McLennan.
Taylor.	Woodul.
Tillotson.	

Absent.

Bland. Swope.

Absent—Excused.

Bedell.	Lacey.
Blackburn.	Roemer.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	White.

Reasons for Votes.

I feel that I must explain my vote. Personally, I am in favor of woman suffrage; for in my judgment it is indefensible to deprive women to vote, when every day her property is being saddled with taxes by persons who hardly contribute toward the support of the government, and these taxes have the effect of entailing mortgages on her land for twenty and forty years in the form of school bonds, irrigation bonds, levy bonds, etc.; but my district is so strong against woman suffrage, and as this question has not been submitted to the Democracy of Texas to be incorporated as a platform demand, hence it is my duty to reflect the wishes and sentiments of the people I represent as I find them. However, after discharging my sacred duty, I feel that I am free to express my honest opinion as a citizen of this State.

In my opinion to deprive from voting the one who gave us birth; the one who is the mother of our children; the one who has left her parents and home to follow the fortunes of the man she loves, is a crime greater than England perpetrated on our forefathers in 1776. Can it be possible that we men are afraid that our mothers will deprive us of our constitutional rights, or that our sisters will scheme to oppress us, or that our wives and daughters will conspire to deprive us of our civil liberties? On the other hand, women, wherever they have been given the right to vote, have used this right, for clean government, for purity of living, for progressive legislation. A tree is judged by its fruits—how can this tree be evil when its fruits are so good and benefi-

cial? The argument that negro women will be given the right to vote and will constitute a menace to society falls of its own weight, because it is in our hands to require an educational and property qualification, and all these undesirables can thus be eliminated.

No. There is no sound argument against woman suffrage; it is against equity, justice and right to deprive them from exercising the ballot to defend their property from confiscation by taxation, their homes from immoral influences that menace them caused by the election of incompetent officers who refuse and neglect to enforce the laws, and their children from corruptive and demoralizing influences for the same reason as the preceding one. For these reasons, though constrained to vote against woman suffrage, yet I shall endeavor to educate my people by preaching the good doctrine of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none."

CANALES.

On House Joint Resolution No. 9, I vote "yea" in order that the people may vote on this proposition. Personally, I am opposed to woman suffrage.

PEYTON.

I vote "nay" on the amendment because I believe that woman suffrage strikes at the underlying principle of government of the State.

The fundamental question involved, as I see it, is not one of "equal rights," or "taxation without representation" of a part of our citizenship, but is the welfare and future of society and of the State as a whole.

It is a fact conceded by all students of government that the life of the State depends upon the existence of its unit, the family. At no period in the history of human experience has this fact ever been denied. Leaders of the feminist movement, to which movement woman suffrage is unalterably allied—not officially, perhaps, but in principle—do not hesitate to state the real objects of their cause. These objects if carried out can have no other results, eventually, than the disruption of the ties that bind the unit upon which our State and Nation, is builded.

LANGE.

During the campaign I stated that I was opposed to equal suffrage, but that if elected I would vote to submit the question to the people. I, therefore, vote

"yea." If submitted I expect to oppose the amendment.

ROBERTSON.

While I am individually and conscientiously opposed to woman suffrage, and while I have no instructions from the people of my district to vote for this amendment, yet in view of the fact that there has developed considerable sentiment in the State for the privilege of voting upon this subject, and as I have always favored the right of the people to vote upon any question they may desire to vote upon, and in view of the fact that a sufficient minority of anti-prohibitionists have, by a reckless and unwarranted disregard of the expressed will of the people at the ballot box, in July, 1916, defeated the submission of the question of prohibition, and as it is claimed and believed that the enfranchisement of woman will hasten and bring about this greatly desired result, I shall cast my vote for the submission of this amendment to the sovereign voters of Texas.

TILSON.

I realize that there are strong equities in support of the proposition that women should be invested with the right of suffrage. My mind is free from prejudice on this question. Still I am without sufficient evidence that the women of the South and particularly those of Texas, really desire the exercise of this right. Not one per cent of the women of my district have indicated to me that they wanted it. The idea of woman suffrage up to the present time has not made a serious impression upon Southern men and women, inasmuch as not a single Southern State has passed such a law, or seriously considered changing its Constitution so as to extend suffrage to women.

Whenever the good women of Texas, or a substantial portion of them, satisfy me that they really and earnestly desire to be invested with the ballot, I will not stand in their way, but so far as I am able to do so, will cheerfully accord it to them. But until such time arrives I vote "nay" on the woman suffrage amendment to our Constitution, and oppose the submission of the same, because, under present conditions, I do not believe it is desired by any considerable portion of the women of our State, and the submission of such an issue to the people would simply entail

a large and useless expense without adequate compensating benefits.

CARLOCK.

When the mothers of Texas say that they want to vote, I am ready to give them the privilege.

TRAYLER.

I vote "yea" because I believe it democracy to submit a question of this importance to the people.

SMITH of Scurry.

I vote "yea" because I am persuaded that there is a sufficient percentage of the Democratic voters of the State who desire that the resolution be submitted to require the Legislature to submit it. If this be true, I would be unfaithful as a Democrat should I vote otherwise on this proposition. If the proposed amendment should be submitted, then I will have the opportunity as a private citizen of going to the polls and casting my vote in accordance with my individual views on the question, regardless of what those views may be, but as a representative of a Democratic constituency, I must vote "yea."

RUSSELL.

I vote "yea" on the pending question now before the House pertaining to the submission of a constitutional amendment authorizing woman suffrage, not as a settlement of a woman's right to vote, but merely to submit the question to the people at the ballot box, to be settled directly by those whom we are sent here to represent. It is my contention now, and has been for many years in the past, when possible and convenient all important questions should be settled by direct vote of the people, and when such right is denied them we cease to maintain a republican form of government at will.

HILL.

RECESS.

Mr. Smith of Scurry moved that the House recess until 8 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Tillotson moved that the House recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Tillotson prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:25 o'clock p. m., took recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 323, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 115, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. Neill has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 419, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Terrell has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Tinner gave notice of a minority report.

BELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 501, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Mendell has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 554, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 539, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 564, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 535, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Meador has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 537, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed

to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thompson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of McLennan, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 35, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 201, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Parks has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 177, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 232, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. McComb gave notice of

minority report. Mr. Cope has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House bill No. 164, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Smith of Bastrop has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Liquor Traffic, to whom was referred House bill No. 56, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Davis of Van Zandt has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

McMILLIN, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 486, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hardey has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 205, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr.

Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 2, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 66, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Bledsoe has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 507, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Criminal Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 455, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

SPENCER of Wise, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 257, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fairchild has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 242, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 3, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 517, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 5, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 474, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilson Independent School District, in Lynn county, Texas, and defining the boundaries thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

DENTON, Chairman.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

(Continued.)

(Wednesday, February 7, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first.